

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-43 were originally presented for consideration in this application. Claims 2, 3, 10, 17, 20-22, 25-28 and 30 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-9, 11-16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 29 and 31-43 are currently pending in this application.

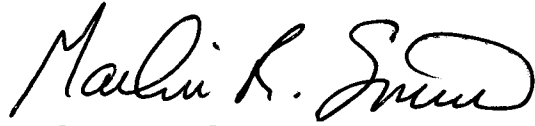
The examiner's indication that claims 1, 4-9, 29 and 31-43 are allowed, and that claims 11-16, 18, 19, 23 and 24 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Of these, claims 11, 18, 23 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form above. Thus, these claims and their dependents are now seen to be in allowable form. The rejected claims 10, 20-22 and 25-28 have been canceled to expedite allowance of the application.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the claims pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of claims 1, 4-9, 11-16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 29 and 31-43 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 516-0030 if such would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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